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Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing you as a resident of Davenport, CA and also as Chair of the Davenport Citizens–Cemex Committee (the Committee consists of 11 community members and 11 management employee members of the Davenport cement plant). I/we are deeply concerned with Davenport public water supplies and their current problems. Davenport, a small community of 325 or fewer residents, must by law have a new water treatment facility. Even though local residents, businesses, school, and resource center have had and will further have their/our water rates (paid on our property tax bills) raised greatly (see the letter to you from Noel Garin Bock), we face an absolute inability to pay for a new treatment plant without assistance.

Thus, I/we would strongly request/urge you to fund the Santa Cruz County projects. This would include the Davenport Sanitation District Proposal via the Northern Santa Cruz County Integrated Regional Water Management Grant partnership, with monies going to the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works for the Davenport Sanitation District. Thank you very much for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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